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Box No. I Basis of the report

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 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	14-20	YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: JP 54-78385 A

D2: US 2002/0038861 A1

D3: US 5,839,718 A

D4: WO 00/33389 A1

1. Novelty

Claims 1, 2 and 14 relate to a strontium silicate phosphor having the formula: $Sr_3-xSiO_5:Eu_{2+x}$ (x is $0 < x \leq 1$); a preparation method thereof comprising the steps of mixing strontium carbonate, silica and europium oxide, and drying and heat-treating the mixture; and a light-emitting diode containing said phosphor. Said claims are different from D1 in that D1 contains cerium as a phosphor activator. D2-D4 contain at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Mg and Zn as a phosphor base material. D4 includes two or more elements such as barium and magnesium as a phosphor base material. Accordingly, said claims are also different from D1-D4 in the method of preparing a phosphor and the configuration of a light-emitting diode containing said phosphor.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 2 and 14 are considered to be novel (PCT Article 33(2)), and claims 3-13 and 15-20 which refer to claims 1, 2 and 14 are also considered to be novel.

2. Inventive Step

D1 describes a method for preparing a strontium silicate phosphor comprising the steps of mixing strontium carbonate, silica and cerium oxide, and heat-treating the mixture. Accordingly, the present application is different from said documents in the constituent element of a phosphor activator, that is, in the composition of a phosphor containing cerium. However, D2 and D4 describe a method for preparing a silicate phosphor by mixing silica, magnesium and strontium, and europium as an activator. In addition, there is no difference between the present application and D1 to D3 in the drying temperature and time and in the heat-treatment temperature and time.

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Box V

Accordingly, the strontium silicate phosphor and preparation method thereof claimed in claims 1-13 can be readily invented from said prior art. However, claims 14-20 are different the prior art in that the strontium silicate phosphor is formed in the outer portion of a diode and molding-treated by a translucency resin, and in the effect of a light-emitting diode having a wide wavelength range

Therefore, claims 1-13 are considered to lack an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), but claims 14-20 are considered to involve an inventive step.

3. Industrial applicability

No opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of this subject matter such as STRONTIUM SILICATE-BASED PHOSPHOR materials for display industry. (PCT Article 33(4)).